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## REPORT BY THE INTERNATIONAL WORKING TEAM

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to the

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STANDING GROUP

By AWW Date 24 May 98

on

### ASSOCIATION OF TURKEY AND GREECE WITH NATO MILITARY PLANNING

References: a. M.C. 27  
b. Records S.G. 37th, 40th Meetings

1. In accordance with instructions of the North Atlantic Council (D.C. 22/1), the Standing Group met separately with the Turkish and Greek Representatives to discuss the association of the Turkish and Greek Governments in such phases of the military planning work of NATO as are concerned with the defense of the Mediterranean.

2. It was decided that the Turkish and Greek military authorities would require liaison both with the Standing Group and the NATO Mediterranean Command. Until such time as the Mediterranean Command is established, the appropriate lower level authority for them to contact would be the EMMO Region.

3. It is necessary to consider now what follow up action is necessary to further the participation of Turkey and Greece in military planning, particularly in respect of their contacts with the EMMO Region.

4. We have examined the matter in our report at Enclosure.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

5. We recommend that the Standing Group approve our report at Enclosure and forward the signal at Appendix to the EMMO Region.

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## ENCLOSURE

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### ASSOCIATION OF TURKEY AND GREECE WITH NATO MILITARY PLANNING

1. At their 37th and 40th Meetings the Standing Group agreed that:

- a. Liaison between the Turkish and Greek military authorities was required at Standing Group level.
- b. Contact on the Regional level was also necessary and that the appropriate Region would be EMMO.
- c. Before any matters of a classified nature could be discussed, it would be necessary for the Turkish and Greek Governments to establish, in consultation with a security team of the Standing Group, an adequate system of security.

#### Liaison at Standing Group Level

2. It was suggested that the Turkish and Greek Military Attaches in Washington would be a suitable channel through which contact could be established at any rate in the initial stages. General Egeli (Turkey) was inclined to accept this suggestion and agreed to ask his Government to issue the necessary instructions. Colonel Ketseas (Greece) also agreed to consult his Government on this question and was instructed by the Greek Government to meet with the Standing Group at the latter's request.

3. It would not appear that any further discussions at Standing Group level could be usefully held until such time as:

- a. An adequate security system has been established in Turkey and Greece.
- b. The Turkish Government has informed the Standing Group whether their Military Attache in Washington should be nominated as their representative.

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Liaison at Regional Level

4. We do not consider any useful discussions can be held until Turkey and Greece have been cleared for security. We should, however, warn the EMMO Region of the action we have taken so far and that it will be necessary for them to conduct discussions in the future. We should also consider the most appropriate manner for the Turkish and Greek authorities to represent their views at Regional level.

Areas wherein Association in Planning would be Mutually Advantageous to NATO and the Turkish and Greek Governments

5. The interest of Turkey and Greece are confined to the Eastern Mediterranean, whereas NATO planning in the Mediterranean has so far only included the western half. With the establishment of a Mediterranean Command, it may be convenient to extend the NATO area to cover the whole of the Mediterranean Sea. This will also facilitate coordination of Turkish and Greek plans with those of NATO.

6. Some aspects of strategic importance of Turkish and Greek association in the defense planning of the Mediterranean are as follows:

- a. Denial of their territories to enemy forces.
- b. Denying the passage of enemy naval units through the Bosphorus and Dardanelles.
- c. Use of their naval and air bases and maritime forces.
- d. Facilitating the protection of the sea lines of communication in the Eastern Mediterranean.

7. As long as the resources of the North Atlantic Treaty countries are stretched to the limit to provide their own defense, it is undesirable that we should become involved in detailed

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discussion in the denial of Turkey and Greece to enemy forces nor in discussions involving the defense of the Middle East. It is suggested that these home territories should remain the responsibility of the national authorities.

8. It would bring Turkey and Greece in line with NATO countries if they were to develop a Short Term Plan for the defense of their home territories and also a Medium Term Requirements Plan. It would be a matter for the Turkish and Greek Authorities to decide whether they develop these plans individually or in concert. If acceptable to the Turkish and Greek Governments, these plans could be examined by the Standing Group to determine the extent to which they can be integrated with NATO defense plans.

9. Items noted in b, c, and d of par. 6 above, however, are appropriate for consideration under the North Atlantic Treaty. Until such time as the Mediterranean Command is established, it is suggested EMMO should consider these aspects of Turkish and Greek association in NATO planning, but we would stress that they are not strictly appropriate to the EMMO Region as at present constituted. The early establishment of a NATO Mediterranean Command would facilitate this planning.

#### CONCLUSIONS

10. We conclude that:

a. A further meeting between the Standing Group and the Turkish and Greek authorities cannot usefully be held until:

(1) An adequate security system has been established in Turkey and Greece.

(2) The Turkish authorities have confirmed that their Military Attache in Washington should act as their agent or have nominated another representative.

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b. The EMMO Region should be informed of the conversations already held by the Standing Group.

c. No conversations at Regional level can usefully be held until Turkey and Greece have established necessary security systems and EMMO advised.

d. We should decide in consultation with the EMMO Region what suitable type of representation Turkey and Greece should have with them.

e. Pending establishment of a NATO Mediterranean Command, the EMMO Region should widen the scope of their planning to cover the Eastern Mediterranean and should submit their views to the Standing Group with respect to the following possible topics of discussion:

(1) Turkish plans for denying passage through the Straits to Soviet Naval forces.

(2) Turkish and Greek plans for using Naval and Air bases and Maritime forces in the protection of the air and sea communications in the Mediterranean.

(3) The problems involved in the use of Greek and Turkish bases by NATO forces.

(4) Turkish and Greek capability of establishing an air warning system and the problem of linking this with other air warning systems in the defense of the Mediterranean area.

(5) Consideration of the categories of NATO papers which Turkey and Greece need in order to be associated with NATO for participating in military planning work for the defense of the Mediterranean and the manner in which these papers will be transmitted to the Turkish and Greek Governments.

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(6) A discussion of mutual benefits of Turkish and Greek participation in subsidiary NATO activities, such as Ad Hoc Committees on meteorology, hydrography, standardization, harmonization, etc... .

(7) An examination of the channel and type of communications for conducting NATO business between EMNO and Turkey and Greece.

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## APPENDIX

### MEMORANDUM FOR EMMO

#### ASSOCIATION OF TURKEY AND GREECE WITH NATO MILITARY PLANNING

1. In accordance with instructions of the North Atlantic Council (D.C. 22/1), the Standing Group met separately with the Turkish and Greek representatives to discuss the association of the Turkish and Greek Governments in such phases of the military planning work of NATO as are concerned with the defense of the Mediterranean.

2. It was decided that the Turkish and Greek military authorities would require liaison both with the Standing Group and with a local NATO authority. Until such time as the Mediterranean Command Structure is established, it was agreed the appropriate local NATO authority for them to contact would be the EMMO Region.

3. No discussion with Turkish or Greek representatives nor distribution of classified information to these countries will be made by EMMO until an appropriate security system has been established in Ankara and Athens and the Standing Group has advised EMMO of the result.

4. It was suggested that the Turkish and Greek Military Attaches in Washington would be a suitable channel through which contact could be established at any rate in the initial stages. General Egeli (Turkey) was inclined to accept this suggestion and agreed to ask his Government to issue the necessary instructions. Colonel Ketseas (Greece) also agreed to consult his Government on this question, and was instructed by the Greek Government to meet

with the Standing Group at the latter's request. *He visualized however, that the first contact on matters of importance would be made as soon as possible through a qualified officer from among staff.* While the Standing Group does not consider any useful discussions can be held at Regional level until Turkey and Greece

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have established appropriate security systems, early consideration should be given by EMMO to the topics which can in due course be discussed with the Turkish and Greek representatives. It should be borne in mind that in any discussions of defense problems and military planning, the intelligence aspects thereof will be mentioned only in broadest terms and will be confined to matters affecting the EMMO Region.

6. As long as the resources of the North Atlantic Treaty countries are stretched to the limit to provide their own defense, it is undesirable that EMMO should become involved in discussion in the denial of Turkey and Greece to enemy forces nor in discussions involving the defense of the Middle East.

7. It will be a matter for the Turkish and Greek authorities to decide whether they wish to develop any plans in concert. If acceptable to the Turkish and Greek Governments, these plans could be examined by EMMO and the Standing Group to determine the extent to which they can be integrated with NATO defense plans.

8. It is considered that the following topics might be discussed by EMMO with the Turkish and/or Greek representatives:

- a. Turkish plans for denying passage through the Straits to Soviet Naval forces.
- b. Turkish and Greek plans for using Naval and Air bases and Maritime forces in the protection of the air and sea communications in the Mediterranean.
- c. The problems involved in the use of Greek and Turkish bases by NATO forces.
- d. Turkish and Greek capability of establishing an air warning system and the problem of linking this with other air warning systems in the defense of the Mediterranean area.
- e. Consideration of the categories of NATO papers which Turkey and Greece need in order to be associated with NATO

for participating in military planning work for the defense of the Mediterranean and the manner in which these papers will be transmitted to the Turkish and Greek Governments.

f. A discussion of mutual benefits of Turkish and Greek participation in subsidiary NATO activities, such as ad hoc committees on meteorology, hydrography, standardization, harmonization, etc.

g. An examination of the channel and type of communications for conducting NATO business between EMMO and Turkey and Greece.

9. The views of the EMMO Regional Planning Group are requested as to:

a. The suitability of topics listed in para. 8 above.

b. The shape and size of the Turkish and Greek representation which would carry out conversations with EMMO; in particular, should these representations be on permanent basis or would periodic meetings in Paris or in Ankara and Athens between Turkish and Greek representatives and appropriate officers of the EMMO staff meet the requirement.

10. Upon receipt of the recommendations of EMMO with respect to para. 9 above, and the establishment of adequate security systems in Turkey and Greece, the Standing Group will arrange for the initial contact of Turkish and Greek liaison officers with EMMO and advise the latter of these arrangements.

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### CORRIGENDUM

At the request of the originators, holders of S.G. 80/2, "Association of Turkey and Greece with NATO Military Planning" are requested to add the following sentence after the second sentence of paragraph 4 of the Appendix:

"He visualized, however, that the first contact on matters of importance would be made as soon as possible through a qualified officer from the Turkish Staff."

*Corrected  
12/11/50  
JWB*

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